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SUBJECT: CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS

1. DEPUTY FONMIN NAGY AGAIN TODAY INDICATED TO ME GOH WOULD BE PREPARED TO ELIMINATE CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS IF WE WERE. SAID THIS SHOULD INCLUDE ELIMINATING RESTRICTIONS ON BORDER ENTRY POINTS. HE UNDERSTOOD WE HAD ELIMINATED BOTH WITH POLAND, AND HUNGARY "COULD NOT BE MUCH WORSE."

2. I SAID I HAD NOT KNOWN BORDER ENTRY RESTRICTIONS WERE INCLUDED IN ARRANGEMENTS WITH POLAND. (COMMENT: IS THIS CORRECT?) SAID I HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD DEPT GOH WAS PREPARED TO ELIMINATE CLOSED AREA AND HAD SUGGESTED ISSUE BE LOOKED INTO; WOULD NOW REPORT ON LATTER AS WELL.

3. NAGY THEN REFERRED TO MATTER OF EXEMPTION OF AMBASSADOR AND FAMILY FROM RESTRICTIONS. SAID WORDING (EMBASSY HAS NO COPY) REFERS ONLY TO CLOSED AREAS. I SAID I UNDERSTOOD HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR AND FAMILY WERE FREE TO ENTER AND LEAVE U.S. AT ANY NORMAL ENTRY POINT. NAGY SAID HE NOT SO SURE BUT IF WE INTERPRETED INSTRUCTIONS THAT WAY SO WOULD GOH. COMMENT: CAN DEPT CONFIRM MY UNDERSTANDING? IF NOT, CAN WE NOW GO AHEAD AND ESTABLISH IT AS THE UNDERSTANDING? EITHER ONE WOULD BE ANOTHER SMALL STEP FORWARD.
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